

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## Pick a Pair of Pocket Pets

**June 15, 2010 – Waterford, VA** – They say that good things come in small packages, and at the Loudoun County Animal Shelter many wonderful small animals are looking for new homes! This summer, the Animal Shelter is making it even easier for adopters to make pocket pets part of the family.

From June 19 through Labor Day, the Loudoun County Animal Shelter will be encouraging adopters to "pick a pair of pocket pets" to help our smallest residents find loving families. This means that when you adopt one small animal, you can adopt a second critter for free.

Many small animals like guinea pigs, rabbits, and parakeets, are social creatures who thrive in pairs. They often bond with each other and can keep each other company when their people are not home.

Small animals are often the perfect choice for adopters who are looking for the companionship and joy of pet ownership, but are not interested in walking a dog or playing with a cat. Small critters require daily attention, social interaction, and regular cage cleaning. In return, they provide endless entertainment, fun, and of course, lots of love!

If you're looking for a small friend to become part of your life, then be sure to visit the Loudoun County Animal Shelter this summer and pick a pair of pocket pets! Adoptable animals can be seen online 24 hours a day at <a href="https://www.loudoun.gov/animals">www.loudoun.gov/animals</a>.

The Loudoun County Animal Shelter is located at 39820 Charles Town Pike, Waterford, VA 20197. The Shelter is open Saturday through Wednesday. Shelter information & directions can be found at <a href="https://www.loudoun.gov/animals">www.loudoun.gov/animals</a>. The Loudoun County Animal Shelter is a tobacco free campus.